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SUBJECT: WEST GERMAN AMBASSADOR AND LAO FOREIGN MINISTER SIGN
NAM NGUM AID AGREEMENT

1. WEST GERMAN AMBASSADOR EDGAR VON SCHMIDT-PAULI AND LAO
FOREIGN MINISTER PHOUNE SIPRASEUTH SIGNED AN AID AGREEMENT
BETWEEN LAOS AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY ON MARCH 9
IN VIENTIANE. ACCORDING TO TERMS OF AGREEMENT, WEST GERMANY IS
TO PROVIDE LOAN OF 13 MILLION DEUTSCH MARKS (APPROXIMATELY 5
MILLION DOLLARS) TO LAOS FOR SECOND PHASE OF NAM NGUM DAM PROJECT.

2. COMMENT: WEST GERMAN AMBASSADOR VON SCHMIDT-PAULI,
RESIDENT IN BANGKOK, CAME TO VIENTIANE FOR SIGNING CEREMONY.
WE UNDERSTAND LAO AT FIRST SUGGESTED THAT A SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS SHOULD SIGN ON LAO SIDE, BUT WEST GERMANS
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INSISTED THAT PHOUME SIPRASEUTH SHOULD SIGN ACCORD. WEST

GERMANS WERE REPORTEDLY IRRITATED BY LACK OF INTEREST LAO OFFICIALS
DISPLAYED IN MAKING PREPARATIONS FOR SIGNING ACCORD FOR THIS
SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF AID. MARCH 10 EDITION OF PARTY NEWSPAPER
"SIENG PASASON" CARRIES FRONT-PAGE PICTURE AND BRIEF ARTICLE
ABOUT SIGNING OF THIS AGREEMENT. HOWEVER, MORE PROMINENTLY
DISPLAYED ON FRONT PAGE OF SAME EDITION ARE PICTURES AND ARTICLE
ABOUT EAST GERMAN GIFT OF 500,000 KIP (APPROXIMATELY 416
DOLLARS U.S. AT OFFICIAL RATE) AND TOYS TO MINISTRY OF PUBLIC
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